

A SOLEMN
League and Covenant,
FOR
Reformation,
AND
Defence of Religion, The Honour
and Happinesse of the KING, and the
Peace and Safety of the three
KINGDOMS
OF
England, Scotland, and Ireland.

Jer. 50.5. Come, let us joyn our selves to the Lord in a perpetuall
Covenant that shall not be forgotten.

Prov. 25.5. Take away the wicked from before the King, and
his Throne shall be established in righteousness.

2 Chron 15.15. And all Iudah rejoiced at the Oath, for they
had sworne with all their heart, and sought him with their
whole desire, and he was found of them; and the Lord gave
them rest round about.

Die Iovis, 21 Sept. 1643. It is this day Ordered by the Com-
mons in Parliament, That this Covenant be forthwith
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A Solemn League and Covenant, for
Reformation, and defence of R E -
L I G I O N ; &c.

WE Noblemen, Barons, Knights, Gentlemen,
Citizens, Burgesses, Ministers of the Gospel,
and Commons of all sorts in the Kingdoms
of *England* *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, by the Providence of
God living under one King, and being of one Reformed
Religion, having before our eyes the glory of God, and
the advancement of the kingdom of our Lord and Sa-
viour Jesus Christ, the honour and happiness of the
Kings Majesty and His Posterity, and the true publique
Liberty, Safety, and Peace of the Kingdoms, where-
in every ones private condition is included, and calling
to minde the treacherous and bloody Plots, conspira-
cies, Attempts, and Practices of the Enemies of God,
against the true Religion, and professors thereof in all
places, especially in these three Kingdoms ever since
the Reformation of Religion, & how much their rage,
power and presumption, are of late, and at this time
increased and exercised; whereof the deplorable state
of the Church & Kingdom of *Ireland*, the distressed
estate of the Church and Kingdom of *England*, and
the dangerous estate of the Church and Kingdom of
Scotland, are present & publique Testimonies; We have
now at last, (after other means of Supplication, Remon-
strance, Protestations, and Sufferings) for the preser-
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vation of our selves and our Religion, from utter
Ruine and Distruction, according to the commendable
practice of other Kingdoms in former times; and the
Example of Gods people in other Nations; after ma-
ture deliberation, resolved and determined to enter in
to a mutuall and solemn League and Covenant, wherein
we all subscribe, and each one of us for himself, with
our hands lifted up to the most high God, do swear:

1. That we shall sincerely, really and constantly,
through the Grace of God, endeavour in our
severall places and callings, the preservacion of the Re-
formed Religion in the Church of Scotland, in Doctrine,
Worship, Discipline & Government, against our com-
mon Enemies, the reformation of Religion in the King-
doms of England and Ireland, in Doctrine, Worship,
Discipline and Government, according to the Word
of God, and the Example of the best Reformed Chur-
ches. And shall indeavour to bring the Churches of God
in the three Kingdoms, to the neerest conjunction and
Uniformity in Religion, confession of Faith, Form of
Church-government, directory for Worship and Cate-
chizing; That we and our Posterity after us, may as
Brethren, live in Faith and Love, and the Lord may
delight to dwell in the middest of us.

2. That we shall in like manner, without respect of
persons, indeavour the Extirpation of Popery, Prelacie,
(that is, Church-government by Arch-Bishops, Bi-
shops, their Chancellors and Commissaries, Deans,
Deans and Chapters, Archdeacons, and all other Ec-
clesiastical Officers depending on that Hierarchy.)
Superstition, Heresie, Schisme, Prophanenesse, and
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whatsoever shall be found so to be contrary to sound Doctrine; and the power of Godliness; lest we partake in other mens sins, and thereby be in danger to receive of their plagues; and that the Lord may be one; and his Name one in the three Kingdoms.

3. We shall with the same sincerity, reality and constancy, in our severall Vocations, endeavour with our estates and lives, mutually to preserve the Rights and Priviledges of the Parliaments, and the Liberties of the Kingdome, and to preserve and defend the Kings Majesties person and authority, in the preservation and defence of the true Religion; and Liberties of the Kingdomes, that the world may beare witnesse with our coniences of our Loyaltie; and that we have no thoughts or intentions to diminish His Majesties just power and greatness.

4. We shall also with all faithfullnesse endeavour the discovery of all such as have beene, or shall be Incendiaries, Malignants, or evill Instruments, by hindering the Reformation of Religion, dividing the King from his people, or one of the Kingdoms from another, or making any Faction or parties amongst the people, contrary to this League & Covenant; that they may be brought to publick triall, and receive condigne punishment, as the degree of their offences shall require or deserve; or the supream Judicatories of both Kingdoms respectively, or others having power from them for that effect, shall judge convenient.

5. And whereas the happinesse of a blessed Peace betweene these Kingdoms, denied in former times to

our Progenitors, is by the good Providence of God granted unto us, and hath been lately concluded, and settled by both Parliaments, we shall each one of us, according to our place and interest, indeavour that they may remain conjoyned in a firm Peace and Union to all Posterity; And that Justice may be done upon the wilfull Opposers thereof, in manner expressed in the precedent Article.

6. We shall also according to our places & callings in this common cause of Religion, Liberty, and Peace of the Kingdome, assist and defend all those that enter into this League and Covenant, in the maintaining & purusing thereof, and shall not suffer our selves directly or indirectly by whatsoever combination, perswasion or terror, to be devide & withdrawn from this blessed Union & conjunction; whether to make defection to the contrary part, or to give our selves to a detestable indifference or neutrality in this cause which so much concerneth the glory of God, the good of the Kingdome, and honour of the King; but shall all the dayes of our lives zealously and constantly continue therein, against all opposition, and promote the same according to our power, against all Lets and Impediments whatsoever, and what we are not able our selves to supprese or overcome, we shall reveale and make known, that it may be timely prevented or removed; All which we shall do as in the sight of God.

And because these Kingdome are guilty of many sins & provocations against God, & his Son Jesus Christ as is too manifest by our present distresses and dangers, the fruits thereof; We professe and declare before God and

and the world, our unstayned desire to be humbled for our own sins, & for the sins of these Kingdoms, especially, that we have not as we ought, valued the inestimable benefit of the Gospel, that we have not laboured for the purity and power thereof, and that we have not endeavored to receive Christ in our hearts, nor to walk worthy of him in our lives, which are the causes of other sins and Transgressions, so much abounding amongst us, and our true and unfeined purpose, desire, and endeavour for our selves, and all others under our power and charge, both in publick and in private, in all duties we owe to God and man, to amend our lives, and each one to go before another in the example of a reall Reformation, that the Lord may turne away his wrath, and heavy indignation, and establish these Churches and Kingdoms in truth and peace. And this Covenant we make in the presence of Almighty God, the Searcher of all hearts, with a true intention to performe the same, as we shall answer at that great day when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, Most humbly beseeching the Lord to strengthen us by his Holy Spirit for this end, and to blesse our desires and proceedings with such successe, as may bee deliverance and safety to his people, & encouragement to the christian Churches groaning under, or in danger of the yoake of Anti-christian Tyranny; to joyne in the same, or like Association and Covenant, to the glory of God, the enlargement of the Kingdome of Jesus Christ, and the peace and Tranquility of Christian Kingdoms and Common-wealths.

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